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Amendment. Please add new claims 6-8 as follows:

- Sub 3* 6. The gasket according to claim 1, wherein the gasket has a diameter of between about 30 mm and about 35 mm.
- Sub 2* 7. The gasket according to claim 1, wherein the gasket has a height of between about 15 mm and about 18 mm.
- Sub 4* 8. The gasket according to claim 1, wherein the first diameter and the second diameter differ by between about 1 mm and about 3 mm.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 were rejected as being anticipated by Yoshirou. Claim 2 was rejected as being unpatentable over Yoshirou in view of Akaike. Claim 3 was rejected as being unpatentable over Yoshirou in view of Ito.

In order to more clearly claim the invention of this application, the applicant has amended claim 1 and added new claims 6-8. A marked up version of amended claim 1, showing all changes, is attached as Appendix A of this Amendment. New claims 6-8 are attached as Appendix B of this Amendment.

No new matter has been added by these changes.

Applicant believes that amended claim 1, claims 2-5, and new claims 6-8 have sufficient antecedent basis for all terms used therein, and that they particularly point out and